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INTRODUCTION

The various tables in this publication on characteristics of Montana's male veterans are largely based on data from the last U. S. Census of population, since this is the latest available source of information of any detailed nature. At that time there were 99,983 veterans in Montana, of which 16,556 were Viet Nam-era veterans. However, from the latest Employment Security estimate for July 1974, the number of veterans in Montana rose to about 108,900. The number of Viet Nam-era veterans climbed to 27,000.

Total	number	of V	eterans	(Census)	9	9,983
				Deaths		4,200
			In-	migration		2,700
			New	Veterans	1	0,400
Tota	al numbe	er of	Vetera	ns (1974)	10	8,900

Of the 99,983 male veterans in Montana, 54,866 were from urban areas and 45,117 were from the rural areas of Montana. Married veterans totaled 81% and 6.7% were widowed or divorced.

In terms of education, the average (median) veteran has completed 12.4 years of school; 37.5% of the veterans had completed high school and 7.5% or 7,510 had completed 4 years of college.

There were 86.2% of the veterans in the labor force and 81,534 or 81.5% of them were employed. The unemployment rate for veterans was 5.4% compared with 7.9% for all males 16 years and older.

Labor Force	86,149
Employed	81,534
Unemployed	4,615
Rate (percent)	5.4%
Not in Labor Force	13,834



A LOOK AT VETERANS' BENEFITS

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In 1971, one of every seven Americans was a veteran in this country. However, veterans accounted for only about one-third of the potential recipients of veteran benefits in 1974. In fact, veterans and their families comprise 44.5% of the total U. S. population. It is no wonder that they are such an important and powerful minority. In 1972, the U. S. government spent \$11.5 billion on behalf of veterans. These expenditures covered a wide spectrum of benefits ranging from helping young veterans find jobs or learn a skill, to the financial support of the needy, or the payment of burial expenses for deceased veterans.

Since the very birth of this nation, it has been considered an obligation to help care for those who served in behalf of our defense. The first form of veteran compensation originated in 1776, when a commission appointed by the Continental Congress recommended disability payments for incapacitated soldiers, and land grants to the war soldiers as an incentive to extend their duty. Then in 1818, the first general veteran pension was initiated with eligibility based on "need". Payments ranged from \$8.00 for enlisted personnel to \$20.00 for officers. In 1833, the U. S. Naval Home became the first facility for the aged and disabled veterans.

At the outbreak of the Civil War, there were approximately 80,000 veterans in the United States. The Civil War added 1.9 million veterans back into civilian life. Because of their number, the veteran population really gained political power, and the number and amount of veteran benefits continued to grow during the post-Civil War period. The first veterans' organization, The Grand Army of the Republic, helped unite the Civil War veterans toward their common goals.

World War I added 4.7 million ex-military citizens. This period brought in new programs such as War Risk Insurance, an insurance against death and permanent disability.

After World War II, 16 million persons left the military and reentered civilian life. The returning veterans caused a tremendous increase in the labor supply of an already post-war slumping economy. With memories of the "Great Depression" still fresh, Congress had a changed attitude about veterans, and programs to help get them readjusted to a civilian life.

There had been 406,000 killed and another 671,000 wounded during that war. The nation had a strong feeling that the survivors deserved some type of compensation. As a result, the Congress passed a "G. I. Bill of Rights". Although many new benefits have been passed since, this bill set up the foundation of our modern veteran benefits system. The provisions of the



bill were classified into three major classifications: education and training, employment assistance, and housing. The veteran students were given subsistence allowances and direct tuition grants to the school of their choice. The unemployed were given unemployment compensation, counseling, guidance, placement services, and legislation granting special preference to veterans in public service jobs. Under the G. I. Guaranty Loan Program, veterans were able to obtain federally guaranteed loans to purchase housing.

After years of medical care and other veteran benefits being handled by various agencies, the Veterans Administration was established in 1930. Today, this is one of the largest federal agencies in the country. In 1972, the Veterans Administration employed 172,000 full-time employees. Of this number 87% were employed in hospitals. Scattered across the country are 167 hospitals, 18 domiciliaries and 57 regional offices in the decentralized agency.

In Montana, there are two Veterans Administration hospitals. One is located in Helena which is also the location of the regional office, and the other is located in Miles City. During fiscal year 1974, Miles City had an average daily patient census of 76 persons, of which 27 were in for surgery. Fort Harrison in Helena had 144 and 50 persons, respectively. The total number of persons treated in each hospital was 1,761 in Miles City and 2,649 in Helena.

There are two types of income support programs for veterans. Compensation provides income to veterans who suffered service-connected disabilities, and to survivors of veterans who die during military service. Pensions are given to those in "need", mainly the aged. In fact, the average pensioner in 1971 was 68 years old, and two-thirds of all people receiving pensions were over 65 years of age. During fiscal year 1974, 17,258 persons received payments from both programs in Montana at an estimated cost of \$22.9 million.

The wave of employment and training programs for the veteran has made the adjustment process for the veteran much easier. A single veteran may receive \$270 a month to go to the college of his choice, or he may enter a variety of vocational-technical schools. Through the U. S. Employment Service, various job training programs are available as well as military unemployment compensation to provide temporary income during the job-seeking process. The help of these programs can be partially measured by the fact that in fiscal year 1974, 87.8% of all male veterans participated in the labor force, compared to 72.9% for male non-veterans.

In October 1973, 800,000 veterans between the ages of 20 and 34 were enrolled in college. However, only 53% of these students were enrolled full time, compared with 72% for non-veterans. In Montana, there were 2,750 veteran students enrolled in Montana's colleges and universities, and 520 enrolled in Montana's vocational-technical schools in December 1975.

Besides the above-mentioned programs for veterans, there are many others including insurance benefits, burial payments, VA guaranteed home mortgage loans, etc. This country has tried to continually update veteran benefits and help take care of those who served in her defense.



TABLES

	MEDIAN IN	COME 1973
ATTAINED LEVEL OF EDUCATION	Veterans	Non-Veterans
Less than High School	6,860	4,560
Some High School	9,140	7,040
High School Graduate	10,750	8,650
Some College	11,888	6,210
College Graduate	15,820	11,710

Source: "Veterans Administration Annual Report of 1974", Administrator of Veterans Affairs, Page 5.

VIET NAM ERA

Veteran Population	6,787,000
Trainees - Number	3,400,017
As a Percent of Total	50%
School Trainees	45%
On the Job	5%

Source: "Veterans Administration - Veterans Benefits under Current Education Programs", November 1973.

G. I. BILL RATES - EDUCATION, TRAINING

	No <u>Dependents</u>	One Dependent	Two Dependents	Each Additional Dependent
Full Time	\$270 .	\$321	\$366	\$22
Half Time	\$135	\$160	\$182	\$11



VETERAN POST-SECONDARY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT - MONTANA

December 1975

PUBLIC COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES	CITY	VETERAN ENROLLMENT
College of Mineral Science and Technology Eastern Montana College Montana State University Northern Montana College University of Montana Western Montana College	Butte Billings Bozeman Havre Missoula Dillon	120 380 650 140 820 40
TOTAL		2,150
PUBLIC COMMUNITY COLLEGES		
Dawson College Flathead Valley Community College Miles Community College	Glendive Kalispell Miles City	80 300 30
TOTAL		410
PRIVATE COLLEGES		
Carroll College College of Great Falls Montana Institute of the Bible Rocky Mountain College	Helena Great Falls Lewistown Billings	40 110 30 10
TOTAL		190
PUBLIC AND PRIVATE VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOLS		
Adult Learning Center Billings Business College Billings Vocational Technical Center Butte Vocational Technical Center Great Falls Commercial College Great Falls Vocational Technical Center Helena Vocational Technical Center Missoula Vocational Technical Center Montana Automobile College Mountain Plains Education Center	Billings Billings Billings Butte Great Falls Great Falls Helena Missoula Great Falls Glasgow	20 20 60 100 30 20 100 110 40
TOTAL		520



MONTANA VETERAN STATUS - BY SIZE OF PLACE OF RESIDENCE

LATEST CENSUS

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VETERAN STATUS	TOTAL	Total	Total	Central Cities	Urban Fringe	10,000 or More	000 000	Total	Non-Farm	Farm
CIVILIAN MALE, 16 YEARS & OVER	227,584	119,054	41,440	37,430	4,010	40,567	37,047	108,530	76,596	31,934
Veteran Percent of Total	99,983 ⊈3.9	54,866 46.1	20,614	18,721 50.0	1,893	17,090	17,162	45,117 41.6	33,877	11,240
Viet Nam Conflict Korean Conflict Korean Conflict - World War II	16.556 16,671 2,506	9,943 9,032 1,508	4,008 3,742 579	3,495	513 354 60	3,506 2,320	2,429 2,970	6,613	5,293	1,320
World War II World War I Other Service	42,958 6,175 15,117		8,576 915 2,794	7,923	653 39 274	7,056	7,627	19,699 3,030 7,138	13,963 2,467 5,615	5,736
Non-Veteran	127,601	64,188	20,826	,7	2,117	23,477	19,885	63,413	42,719	20,694
STATE OF BIRTH										
Total Native Population	674,814	360,799	137,822	117,779	20,043	111,777	111,200	314,015	227,347	86,668
Born in State of Residence	403,128	208,192	72,640	65,374	7,266	67,855	67,697	194,936	134,373	60,563
Born in Different State Percent of $Total$	243,986 <i>36.2</i>	137,505 38.1	58,660 42.6	47,358 40.2	11,302 56.4	39,273 35.1	39,572	106,481 33.9	84,408	22,073 25.5
Born Abroad, at Sea, etc.	5,712	3,280	1,728	1,112	616	795	757	2,432	1,674	758
State of Birth Not Reported	21,988	11,822	4,794	3,935	859	3,854	3,174	10,166	6,892	3,274



75 Years and Over	3,526 - - 5 134 3,222	3,493 - 6 1,134 3,189	1 1 1 1 1 1	1 1 1 1 1 1 1	1,756	2,285 2,285 19 660 135
70-74 Years	3,067 13 13 320 2,589 132	3,005 13 13 320 2,527	22.	תווותו	1,577 1,203 287	277 2,086 39 398 306
65-69 Years	1,801 1,083 336 336	1,759 6 1,056 364 321	∞ιιι∞ιι	5111512	1,024 672 105	333 1,148 30 120 200
50-64 Years	3,644 8 33 132 3,050	3,604 8 33 3,010	1 1 1 1 1 1 1	37 - 1 - 9	1,952 1,306 386	520 2,771 46 134 219
55-59 Years	5,570 47 52 155 5,063	5,449 47 52 155 4,942		75 1 8 6 0 1 8	3,005 1,931 634	4,569 4,569 168 377
50-54 Years	12, 295 121 51 500 11, 438	11,967 116 61 1291 175	5111511	84 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	6,691 3,938 1,666	835 10,695 144 271 494
45-49 Years	14,784 156 251 754 13,488	14,484 156 239 734 13,225	6114711	36 2 1 2 5 1 5 1 5 1 5 1 5 1 5 1 5 1 5 1 5	8,025 4,855 1,904	923 23,030 97 188 643
40-44 Years	14,548 263 4,115 8,241 1,036	14, 107 240 3, 992 8, 037 1,003	5-11211	147	8,065 4,917 1,566	849 12,922 94 128 649
35-39 Years	12,029 254 9,483 41 141	11,583 239 9,124 41 121 2,058	92 - 61 - 1 - 1	124 - 1 - 128	6,310 4,485 1,234	651 10,768 74 102 508
30-34 Years	10,525 1,335 2,549 6,641	10,197 1,276 2,508 -	1 1 1 1 1 1	171	5,890 3,832 903	9,263 35 34 437
25-29 Years	9,848 6,125 125 1 2 1 7, 2	9,498 5,903 8 8	224	8811116	5,664 3,586 598	1,801 7,675 48 16 356
15-24 Years	8,246 246 1 1 1 1 1	7,996	£ £ 1 1 1 1 1	97 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9	4,907 2,661 678	3,932 4,132 50 163
TOTAL	99,983 16,556 2,506 42,958 6,175	97,142 15,981 15,036 2,419 41,970 6,080	£64 t 4 4 4 4 6 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	910 158 245 29 280 280 5	54,866 34,937 10,180	11,914 81,344 731 2,238 4,487
	TOTAL	White	Black	Persons of Spanish language Vietnam conflict	URBAN & RURAL RESIDENCE Urban	MARITAL STATUS Single



CHAPACTERISTICS OF MONTANA CIVILIAN MALE VETERANS 16 YEARS OLD AND OVER BY AGE:

3,324 2,324 1,902 1,902 1,902 1,001 6,001 1,001 75 Years and Over 2,733 756 459 297 177 1,017 1,131 351 223 223 1,58 8,6 2,049 862 511 351 127 156 70-74 Years 37 501 375 375 8.8 8.8 7,73 1,152 1,035 1 1,255 529 370 159 62 62 65-69 Years 637 637 227 227 227 227 227 151 153 82 82 83 2,560 1,050 588 462 235 227 34 60-64 Yaars 434 793 482 1,019 481 234 201 12.1 3,824 1,656 1,014 642 353 289 24 66 55-59 Years 1,201 1,201 1,719 555 378 283 12,1 12,211 10,287 3,098 2,094 1,137 1,199 1,199 1,192 1,192 1,192 1,192 1,192 1,192 1,192 1,192 1,192 1,192 1,193 1,19 50-54 Years 7,977 3,958 2,352 1,606 1,606 830 5 2,406 1,871 1,516 1,516 730 720 12.3 9,269 5,168 2,793 1,289 1,086 322 45-49 Years 37 2,002 2,393 5,836 1,800 1,104 1,038 46,688 12,624 12,634 2,634 2,634 2,634 2,634 4,634 4,634 1,004 40-44 Yeers 8,013 6,053 3,218 2,835 1,472 1,363 35 482 1,997 2,666 5,045 1,883 1,232 1,232 14,465 13,628 12,672 1,437 2,836 3,075 4,388 4,388 35-39 Years 4,814 6,821 3,246 3,575 1,769 1,806 342 379 1,676 1,676 4,954 1,576 1,091 1,192 11,984 10,493 742 2,432 3,060 3,734 463 LATEST CENSUS 10,528 9,810 8,997 1,173 2,926 2,258 1,902 1,502 30-34 Years 2,764 7,457 3,485 3,972 1,871 2,101 293 205 640 1,325 1,756 1,756 12.6 25-29 Years 2,047 2,047 2,045 2,668 2,634 578 611 231 1,222 4,190 2,503 1,036 1,036 2,529 2,214 2,214 2,137 2,137 2,137 2,137 1,038 16-24 Years 1,871 2,568 2,676 2,892 1,609 1,283 4343 4,382 2,356 2,356 2,82 2,255 8,064 1,682 1,682 1,529 1,21 529 3,003 2,649 2,649 190 289 13,282 14,508 37,456 15,043 7,510 48,441 47,225 23,757 23,468 11,540 11,928 1,209 3,108 98,720 78,458 119,486 14,679 14,679 13,209 14,679 13,509 11,750 13,750 13,750 13,750 13,750 13,750 13,750 13,750 13,750 TOTAL Different house in United States Head of husband-wife family HOUSEHOLD STATUS & FAMILY SIZE Median school years completed years . . . years or more Same house as in 1970 . . 8 years . . 4 years . . 1 to 3 years High school: 1 to 3 years No school years completed Elementary: 1 to 7 years 3 members . . . 5 members . . . 6 members or more YEARS OF SCHOOL COMPLETED Same county . . . 2 members . . Same State . . In households . . Different county . Different State RESIDENCE IN 1965 In families College:

343 120 165 579

517 121 134 584

151 271 896

Head of other family

Relative of head .

Parent . . .

Child .

Nonrelative of head

Primary individual



CHARACTERISTICS OF MONTANA CIVILIAN MALE VETERANS 16 YEARS OLD AND OVER BY AGE:

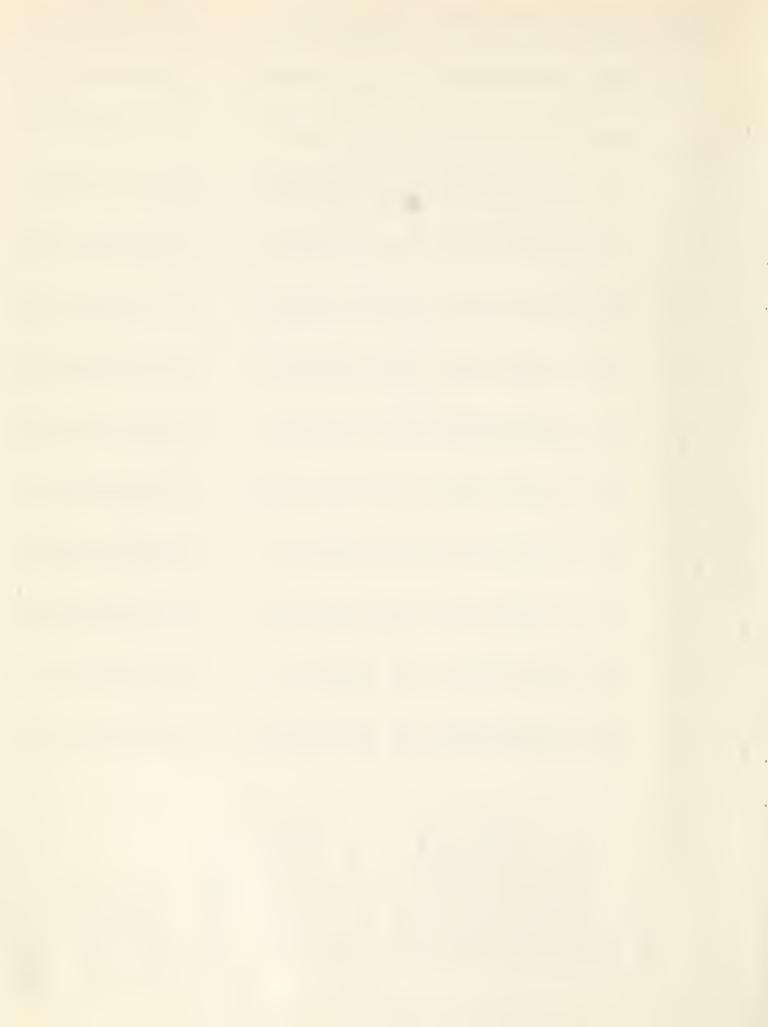
LATEST CENSUS

70-74 75 Years Years and Over	647 419 622 399 102 62 43 44 44 44 27 12 190 115 190 2,29 2,295 2,935 673 522 673 1,615 643 1,615	
65-69 Years	62 53 54 57 57 57 57 57 57 57 57 57 57	
60-54 Years	2,523 2,408 2,408 3,66 136 135 140 1,121 1,121 1,067 1,067	
55-59 Years	4,4 4,4 6,4 6,4 6,7 6,7 6,7 6,7 6,7 6,7 6,7 6,7	
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40-45 Years	14, 15, 16, 16, 16, 16, 16, 16, 16, 16, 16, 16	
35-39 Years	11,568 1,914 1,916	
30-35 Years	10,123 9,640 1,666	
25-29 Years	8,985 1,438 1,438 1,078	
16-24 Years	6,944 6,944 1,137 1,137 1,137 1,137 1,137 1,137 1,137 1,137 1,202 1,	
TOTAL	86,149 81,534 11,056 12,072 14,583 17,141 17,141 13,834 13,834 11,640 11,640 11,640 11,640 11,640 11,640 11,640 11,640 11,640	
EMPLOYMENT STATUS, OCCUPATION, YEAR LAST WORKEO	Employed	

INCOME IN 1969 OF FAMILIES HEADED BY VETERANS

2,051		11,	251	348	216	240	164	320	245	125	5,285
1,089	13	ا تر	, 2	135	144	116	125	216	145	132	6,588
2,749	6	119	92	49	116	187	239	789	675	422	8,945
4,600	77	51	142	184	166	217	314	1,175	1,323	957	9,949
10,751	131	89	248	200	359	552	621	2,543	3,265	2,743	10,969
13,092	154	127	182	208	312	525	775	2,823	4,542	3,444	11,585
13,076	154	137	216	229	357	518	793	3,318	4,597	2,757	10,888
10,777	120	82	142	267	355	553	662	3,073	3,964	1,559	10,170
								3,277			
7,491	40	101	110	300	349	553	778	2,959	1,842	459	8,535
3,844	45	92	184	320	512	499	465	1,043	618	85	6,615
81,000	934	1,134	2,228	2,907	3,538	4,613	5,911	21,741	24,173	13,821	9.654
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TOTAL VETERANS - MONTANA

Fiscal Year 1975

	INDIVIDUA	LS PLACED	INDIVIDUALS TO JO	
	Nonagri- cultural	Agri- cultural	Nonagri- cultural	Agri- cultural
TOTAL	5,224	1,254	6,200	1,359
Age Group				
Under 20 20 to 21 22 to 24 25 to 29 30 to 39 40 to 44 45 to 54 55 to 64 65 and Over	115 340 978 1,457 1,086 375 630 227	15 51 137 194 262 102 342 135 16	126 400 1,127 1,741 1,316 434 751 286 19	17 59 146 220 287 108 358 147
Sex				
Male Female	5,130 94	1,253 1	6,083 117	1,356 3
Years of Education				
0 to 7 8 to 11 12 Over 12	106 1,198 2,782 1,138	62 510 555 127	118 1,403 3,262 1,417	66 554 597 142
Residence				
Urban Rural	3,521 1,703	836 418	4,222 1,978	896 463
Ethnic Group				
White Black American Indian Oriental Spanish Surname Mexican American Puerto Rican All Other and NA	4,817 16 280 2 47 42 4 110	1,150 0 80 0 8 7 1 24	5,719 23 325 2 54 48 5 132	1,244 0 88 0 9 8 1 27
Veteran Status				
Recently Separated Disabled Viet Nam Era	1,093 189 3,208	133 36 444	1,285 237 3,782	147 40 494

Source: Employment Security Automated Reporting System/Manpower Operational Data Systems.



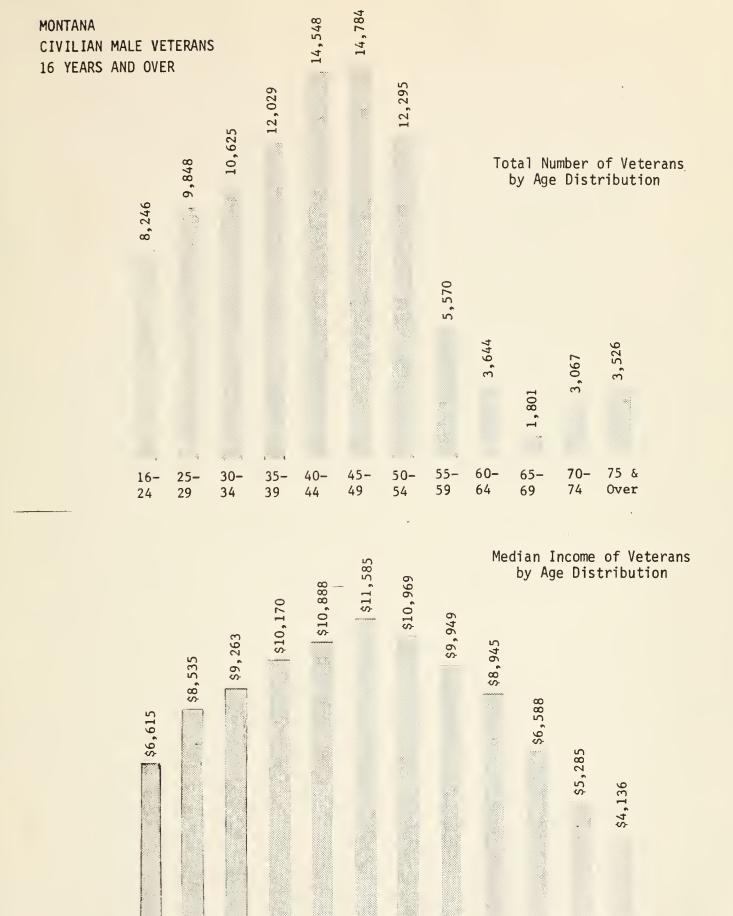
VIET NAM VETERANS - MONTANA

Fiscal Year 1975

	INDIVIDUALS PLACED		INDIVIDUALS REFERRED TO JOBS	
	Nonagri- cultural	Agri- cultural	Nonagri- cultural	Agri cultural
TOTAL	3,208	444	3,782	494
Age Group				
Under 20 20 - 21 22 - 24 25 - 29 30 - 39 40 - 44 45 - 54 55 - 64 65 and Over	110 333 936 1,308 423 59 34 3	15 48 128 168 72 5 8 0	121 393 1,073 1,569 510 67 44 3	17 55 137 190 81 5 8
Sex				
Male Female	3,145 63	444 0	3,703 79	4 94 0
Years of Education				
0 to 7 8 to 11 12 Over 12	16 531 1,913 748	5 123 249 67	20 625 2,223 914	4 143 270 77
Residence				
Urban Rural	2,198 1,010	282 162	2,607 1,175	313 181
Ethnic Group				
White Black American Indian Oriental Spanish Surname Mexican American Puerto Rican All Other and NA	2,950 14 163 1 36 31 4 81	402 0 27 0 4 3 1	3,480 19 192 1 41 35 5	447 0 29 0 5 4 1
Recently Separated Disabled	1,093 126	133 14	1,285 157	147 18

Source: Employment Security Automated Reporting System/Manpower Operational Data Systems.





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